

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 206

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James Madison upon being named the 2010 Master Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is James Madison, who was recently named the 2010 Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, James Madison has been harvesting timber on the Coal Creek Company property since July of 1979; his annual timber harvests have been as high as 3.1 million feet and have averaged 2.5 million board feet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Madison has cultivated a reputation for professionalism and customer satisfaction, operating his business in accordance with the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious steward of the land, James Madison's efforts to minimize water runoff and the great care he takes to leave his logging sites in the best possible order serve as a testament to his professionalism as a master logger; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his diligent use of logging contracts, he meets regularly with his accountant to ensure proper documentation of all records, including the appropriate filing of all contracts, scale tickets, load tickets, and receipts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Madison is as conscientious about safety as he is about good business practice; safety meetings are held every week, and timber cutters wear appropriate personal protective equipment such as saw chaps, eye protection, and hardhats; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the chainsaws are properly maintained and are equipped with chain brakes, all employees are properly trained for the equipment they operate, and a first-aid kit is readily available on every site; and

WHEREAS, a paragon of his profession, James Madison is an active member of the Tennessee Forestry Association and has been a Master Logger since 2001; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Madison is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Julie, who keeps the books for the business, and his son, Jamie, who has been working with his father for many years; and

WHEREAS, he is also a proud supporter of his community, actively participating in the Log-A-Load for Kids campaign and other worthwhile charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, James Madison is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James Madison on being named the 2010 Master Logger of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.